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In re Patent Application of:)
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**REQUEST FOR NEW OFFICE ACTION AND
RESETING OF TIME PERIOD FOR RESPONSE**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: January 8, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2002, and pursuant to MPEP §710.06, the Applicants, through undersigned counsel, respectfully request that a new Office Action be issued and that the time period for response be reset to extend three months from the mailing date of such new Office Action.

The Office Action includes grounds of rejection based on references identified therein as follows:

Cornetto, "HTML provides opening for email vandals," 08-1998, CNN;

"Newton's Telecom dictionary"; and

"Microsoft Computer dictionary."


However, those references are not cited on the form PTO-892 enclosed with the Office Action, nor are copies of the pertinent portions of those references enclosed. Also, none of those

references was cited by the Applicants to the Office in an Information Disclosure Statement. Thus, the Applicants have not been put on notice of the nature of the grounds of rejection relying on those references.

For the reasons set forth above, the Applicants respectfully submit that they are entitled to a new Office Action, enclosing copies of the above-noted references, and resetting of the time period for response. The copies should be complete enough to include at least the publication date and the definitions or other information relied upon in rejecting the claims. Issuance of such an Office Action is therefore earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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